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Bunker Hill District
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ADDRESS: 605 West Third Street
OWNER: Harry Toher and Elsie M. Holmes. Sold to
Community Redevelopment Agency and DEMOLISHED
USE: Redevelopment

ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Bunker Hill District was developed during the first waves of real-estate speculation and boom that came with the extension of Southern Pacific Railroad to Los Angeles in 1876, and the construction of the Santa Fe Railroad, completed in 1886; and came to an abrupt recession with the bursting of the bubble in 1888.

Large mansions of the wealthy, designed in the flamboyant styles that were the fashion of the time, were constructed on Bunker Hill, giving way in the 90's to homes for the professional class, and finally, after 1900, to residential hotels and apartment buildings. The mansions have disappeared and the few examples of the eclectic residential architecture remaining at this writing are of modest proportions. They are doomed for demolition with the redevelopment of the Bunker Hill Redevelopment Project.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

This two-story wood frame residence was built in 1875 and later converted to a rooming house. See CAL-344 for more complete Historical and Architectural information regarding Bunker Hill District.

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

This two-story wood frame residence of 1493 square feet was 24' deep x 26' wide with a 5' x 14' front porch and a 4' x 6' rear porch.

Typical clapboard siding; hipped roof; neo-classic detail; concrete foundation. There was a 91' long concrete block wall at the sidewalk property line averaging $4\frac{1}{2}$ ' high.

Typical wood floors, doors and windows; wood trim; wood lath and plaster walls and ceilings. One interior stair of wood. One brick fireplace.

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